

REPUBLICAN PLATFORM.

The Republican party in Kentucky in convention assembled adopts the following platform:

(1) We approve the policies of the National Republican party in providing for the defense of our coasts against foreign invasion, and the protection of American industry against the pauper labor of foreign countries without imposing unnecessary or unjust burdens upon the consumer. We favor the nomination for the Presidency of a candidate who is in accord with those policies, and is abreast of the spirit of progress required by ever changing condition.

(2) We condemn the inefficiency of the administration at Washington, its inadequate tariff law and its tax in times of peace, which have resulted in the closing of factories, the stagnation of business and the enforced idleness of millions of workmen.

We demand the redistricting of Kentucky in legislative, senatorial, congressional and judicial districts, which shall give equal representation and equal voting power to every citizen of every district, in conformity with the plain requirements of the Constitution, and not as at present, in flagrant violation thereof.

(3) We demand the repeal of the present infamous primary law formed for the purpose of preventing freedom of choice to the voter, and favor the enactment of a law which shall permit party nominations for judicial offices without regard to the party affiliation of the candidates so that the judiciary may be chosen on non-partisan grounds, and the continuance in office of judicial public servants may be determined by no other qualification than that of fitness.

We favor amendment to State laws permitting and encouraging joint nominations of the same candidate by the different parties. We demand the repeal of the law providing for registration certificates imposed upon the State by the Democratic party for immoral political purposes, whereby votes in Kentucky have become negotiable instruments, passing by delivery.

(4) We demand that the public schools of the State shall be taken and kept entirely out of politics, and that the interests and welfare of the children shall have first consideration in all public school matters. We call for better schools and schoolhouses, for longer school terms in the country and better pay for the teachers.

We also favor extending the aid of the State to its institutions for higher education.

(5) There should be complete publicity concerning the expenditure of money for political campaigns, and a law should be passed for the accounting by candidates and campaign managers of all sums of money collected for political purposes.

(6) We demand the enactment of a law providing for bi-partisan control of the penal and charitable institutions, and for the abolition of contract labor, and we endorse the Constitutional Amendment providing for convict labor on public roads and highways, insofar as the same may be done without injury to free or organized labor.

(7) Realizing the influence of good roads on the economic, educational, social and religious development of the State, we pledge ourselves that the present law, introduced by a Republican, authorizing State aid, shall be carried out, and the building of permanent highways throughout the State by a system guaranteeing to the people an honest expenditure of their money, shall be encouraged.

(8) We favor further legislation for the protection of labor from unnecessary bodily injury, and we favor the enactment of a fair and equitable workmen's compensation law.

(9) We favor giving to the Railroad Commission power to regulate public utilities of the State.

(10) We favor the passage of laws which shall make effective constitutional provision against the issuance of free passage to officials.

(11) We oppose double taxation, and will favor a thorough revision of the tax laws which will equally distribute the burdens of taxation, reduce the rate and not only retain the capital now invested, but invite the investment of other capital in the State. We favor the adoption by the people of the Constitutional Amendment enlarging the power of the General Assembly on the matter of taxation, and when such additional law is passed to make it effectual only when submitted to, and approved by a majority of the people who vote upon the same. We favor such regulation by law as will consolidate assessment and collection of taxes, so that the cost of collection may be materially reduced.

(12) We condemn the enactment by the Democratic party of a large number of obnoxious laws, the creation of expensive offices and commissions and the wasteful and extravagant expenditure of money, and we promise, if given power, to repeal all such laws, to abolish superfluous offices and reduce the cost of administration to the least possible point consistent with an economical and efficient system of government.

(13) Realizing the importance to the State of the prosperity of the farmers, we heartily approve of their legal efforts to secure better prices for the products of their farms, and pledge ourselves to assist them in all legal ways.

(14) For economic, as well as humane reasons, we recommend that the State of Kentucky undertake to supplement and later to continue the work of the United States Public Health Service for the prevention of blindness from trachoma, a communicable and painful disease of the eye, from which, the last census report shows that 33,000 persons are suffering in a single section of the State.

(15) We call attention to the vast resources of our State as yet undeveloped and invite capital and labor into the State to develop such resources.

(16) Expressly reserving the right of all Republicans to vote upon the question of woman's suffrage as they see fit we favor the adoption by the next General Assembly of a resolution submitting this question to the people for decision at the election of November, 1917.

(17) The Republican party in Kentucky is responsible and deserves the credit for the county unit law. In 1907 we declared definitely for the local option law with the county as the governing unit. In 1911 we again declared for the county unit law in accordance with the Constitution.

We now declare our continued adherence to the county unit law, and we do hereby endorse the present county unit law of Kentucky, and pledge ourselves to its strict and rigid enforcement, and we favor the adoption of such amendments thereto as may be necessary to make it effective beyond question.

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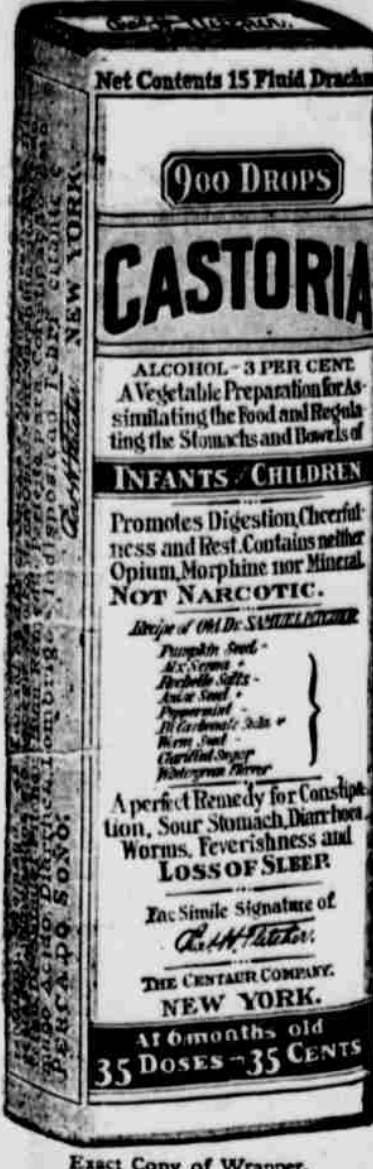
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Burglars forced an entrance to the home of "Aunt" Harriet Newcomb, an aged colored woman about 80 years old, and the widow of Mack Newcomb, deceased, Saturday night and choked her until she consented to turn over what money she had.

According to the story told by the old negress the men came to her home about ten o'clock and knocked on the door, at the same time telling her to let them in. She was suspicious and refused to admit them. They then went to a rear window of the house and broke it open to gain an entrance. The room was in darkness and she started to strike a light, but the intruders forbade her and she was unable to identify them. They demanded what money she had, but she denied having any, when they laid rough hands on her and began choking her. To get them to desist she finally consented to give them the money and she brought out her savings, amounting to \$3.60 and gave to them, when they went off.

Weak and almost suffocated by the choking they had administered she old woman says it was some time

before she was able to arouse the neighbors and report the affair. It was then reported to the police and they telephoned to Seebree for Griffith's bloodhound. "Redoak," Mr. Griffith brought the dog in an automobile Sunday morning. He was carried to the scene of the robbery and took up a scent which led him to the home of Gus Craig, colored, and Will Craig, ason, was placed under arrest. The dog also went to another house but the negro suspected of being connected with the affair could not be found. Will Craig was carried to Dixon to await his examining trial.

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